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Dear Lou,

I have just read something so certain to fill you with joy, cheerful your cup, I simple must stop and tell you about it. I presume you do not get the so-called "radical weekly", the "National Guardian". Well, instead of the stories their New Orleans correspondent, Darlene Fife, was to have written, they waited until the current issue, dated 3/22, which reached me today. There, from Jim's great & true friend, the man who so loyally helped him spend his money the wrong ways on the wrong people and things, is the utlimate expression of the ultimate friendship: Jim Garrison is "through" (repeated, at the beginning and end), never had and never thought he had a case against Shaw (who was of no importance in any event) but dependent upon and fully expected his other true and loyal friend, the federal government, to take the whole thing over and render him unnecessary!

But, "finished" Jim need have no worry, for:

"This does not mean the investigation of the Kennedy assassination is at an end - there are people all over the country carrying it on -but Garrison has been neutralized", and,

"Garrison may be finished, but there are others of us who intend to find a way to bring the evidence out". (Don't I know!)

Who is this demon investigator, the undauntable, the one who is not "done", the man to whom so often (from the story, too) Garrison entrusted unto him his innermost secrets? The one and only Bill Turner. What we may now look forward to:

More Bradleys, Frenchies, frangible bullets (that leave fragments), Bweshears', Owenses, Roses and, of course, Herve Lamarres-Hepburns. Is this not a fortunate thought with which you can all so comfortably retire. Ah wonderful it is to have friends, more to have those so loyal, so dependable - and to be so unerring in appraising them.

Was evidence about the Kennedy assassination for the first time tested in court? Well, with only a full page in which to mention this, obviously there was no mention. How could that be gotten in without removing at least one of the "Garruson is through" encomiums, perhaps even one of the "fear not, Turner is still on the job" assurances.

You did have better cases (Bradley, perhaps?): "The case against Shaw was clearly weaker than other cases that could have been brought against people involved in a conspiracy...others not in New Orleans so Garrison had no way of bringing them to trial."

Here's a pip:" From long conversations I have had with him, it was clear he felt that once the investigation got under way, the federal government would take over and the whole conspiracy would be laid bare, including any role Shaw might have played. Thus, Garrison intended the indictment of Shaw as no more than a spark to trigger a major investigation..." I can see how this will terrify Aaron Kohn, the MCC and the Bar Association. Sure to quiet them. Aren't you just the luckiest people with those you trust? Sincerely,

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